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MARINA OSWALD PORTER, who after being duly sworn by the Foreman of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, was questioned and answered as follows:

MR. ALCOCK:

We are going to ask you quite a few questions and let me say at the outset I have, as a matter of law, to advise you of your Constitutional rights, that anything that you might say which would incriminate you or tend to incriminate you, you have a right to not answer. Do you understand that? This Grand Jury is looking for truth and any questions they ask you, if you don't answer it truthfully and don't answer truthfully knowing you don't answer truthfully, you can be charged with perjury and perjury carries a sentence of up to 5 years in the penitentiary. Also, if you answer a question which you are not completely sure of and you answer it as a fact that is also perjury. Just don't answer any question that you don't know the answer to, just say you don't know the answer. Is that clear?

A. Yes.

Q. State your full name?

A. Marina Porter.

Q. Where do you live?

A. 733 Scottdale, Richardson, Texas.

Q. How long have you been living there?

A. We live in Dallas quite a while, little bit close to year.

Q. You have been living in Dallas area since the assassination?

A. Yes.

Q. You never left that area at all?

A. No.

Q. Have you spoken to any FBI agent or anybody from the federal government since receiving our subpoena?

A. No.

Q. Not at all?

A. No.

Q. You have not been contacted by the FBI or the Secret Service?

A. No.

Q. Have you been contacted by anyone who represented himself or herself as being a member of the CIA?

A. No.

Q. Do you know what the CIA is?

A. Yes. Central Intelligence Agency.

Q. You have not had any conversation with any of these people since receiving our subpoena?

A. No.

Q. When was the last time you spoke with anybody from the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

A. They called me once before the Warren Commission was public but not since then.

Q. How about the Secret Service?

A. The same.

Q. Have you ever spoke anyone who identified himself or herself as a member of the CIA?

A. No.

Q. Have you been to Washington or in the Washington area since giving your testimony to the Warren Commission?

A. No.

Q. Have you seen Ruth Paine recently?

A. Not recently. I saw her after, once.

Q. You haven't seen her in the last two years?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. I saw her once and she came to my house.

Q. Was that in Richardson?

A. I don't think I was married then.

Q. Did you all discuss the assassination on that visit?

A. No, it was a very short visit.

Q. When was the last time you saw Robert Oswald?

A. Maybe one month before I married.

Q. When were you married? To Kenneth Porter?

A. June 1st, more than two years ago.

Q. That was the last time you saw Robert Oswald?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you corresponded with Robert Oswald or Ruth Paine?

A. No.

Q. When was the last time you saw deMorenschid?

A. Before the assassination.

Q. Did you see him at all after the assassination?

A. No.

Q. Did you correspond with him at all after the assassination?

A. No.

Q. Are you personally corresponding with anybody in Russia

at the present time?

- A. I send letters to my stepmother and stepsister, but I never get an answer from them.
- Q. When did you speak to the lawyers who represent Clay Shaw?
- A. It was before this Christmas, they came to see me in Dallas I do not remember the day.
- Q. Do you remember the names?
- A. No.
- Q. How many were there?
- A. Three of them.
- Q. Did they interview you in the presence of your husband?
- A. No.
- Q. Was it in the presence of an attorney?
- A. I was home alone and I talk to them and they advise my husband at his place of work.
- Q. Did they inform you at the time that you would be a defense witness? In the coming trial?
- A. No, they asked me to testify for Clay Shaw, if I would.
- A. What are you supposed to testify about?
- A. They say if I have something to tell.
- Q. They didn't ask you any specific questions or go into any specific areas where they thought you might help them?
- A. They asked me if I had ever seen Mr. Clay Shaw and I said no.
- Q. Did they ask you if you ever knew or had seen David Ferrie?
- A. Yes, and a few more names.
- Q. Did they show you any pictures?

A. No.

Q. Did you know who they were referring to when they said Clay Shaw?

A. I heard his name on the TV.

Q. Had you ever seen his picture?

A. I don't think so. I am not sure, maybe the Warren Commission showed me his picture but I do not remember it.

Q. You think the Warren Commission might have shown you his picture?

A. I don't know, they showed me so many pictures.

Q. Well when Mr. Shaw's attorneys were out there they didn't show you any pictures of any kind?

A. I don't remember, I don't think so.

MR. GARRISON:

How did they have an idea what your testimony would be if they didn't show you any pictures, do you know?

A. They asked me if I know this man and I said no, and they asked me if I would be willing to testify, I never see this man before, but if I be any help

Q. But they didn't show you any pictures?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Have you corresponded or heard from them since they visited you in Dallas?

A. No, I did not. I think they visit my husband at his work.

Q. Have you ever met Sergio Arcacha?

A. No.

Q. In Dallas or New Orleans?

A. No.

MR. ALCOCK:

Do you know who we are referring to when we say Sergio Arcacha?

A. Not really. I think one of the conspirators.

Q. When we ask you if you had ever seen Sergio Arcacha, does a picture come into your mind?

A. No.

Q. Then you don't know whether you have seen him or not?

A. No. I have heard the name.

Q. If we could show you a picture could you tell us?

A. Yes.

JUROR:

Is this your first trip to New Orleans?

A. I used to live in New Orleans for a while.

MR. ALCOCK:

Marina, I would like to hear from you about when you first met Lee in Russia, what were you doing and what was he doing and how did you happen to meet?

A. I had dates with one of my boy friends and was introduced by his friend to Lee at a dance. It was in a dance party for medical students.

Q. How did Lee happen to be there, do you know?

A. We had mutual friends/^{one}of my boy friends knew him.

Q. How was he introduced to you, just an American over there in Russia?

A. No, I did not know he was American.

Q. Was his Russian that good at the time?

A. No, he speak with accent. So many nationalities in Russia and Baltic countries, they all have accents.

Q. Where was he working at the time?

A. Radio factory.

Q. What was he doing? What were his duties?

A. Maintenance, mechanical worker

Q. Where was he living at the time?

A. He lived in apartment house.

Q. Was he living by himself at the time?

A. (Inaudible)

Q. Were you and Lee about the same age?

A. No, I think he little bit older. He was born 1939 and I 1941.

Q. Have you ever seen this man (showing picture)

A. No.

Q. Have you ever seen a picture of him before that you can recall?

A. No sir. I don't pay too much attention, maybe I saw him in the news.

Q. Have you ever seen him in person?

A. No.

Q. You never saw him at any time here in New Orleans when you were living here, that you can recall?

A. No.

Q. You were living here in the summer of 1963, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. When you met Lee and he was working in this factory, do you know if he had any other income besides what he was earning in the factory?

A. Later on he said first year he was living in Russia the government paid him some kind of pension or something, it was not enough, they usually support tourists and refugees.

Q. The Russian government?

A. No, the Russian government.

Q. Did he ever say anything about any money he received from any American agency?

A. No.

Q. What generally did you all do on weekends?

A. We visit friends and my aunt, and to the movies and theatre and walk in the streets, like you do here in America.

Q. Did he have any particular friends over there?

A. Yes, he had many friends.

Q. Personally, before you met him?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember the names of some of them?

A. I don't ...

Q. Well, do you recall any independently right now?

A. If you can remind me.

MR. GARRISON:

Did he ever mention Kerry Thornley to you?

A. No.

Q. Were there a lot of Cubans over there working in Russia?

A. No, I never met any Cubans, they have some students sent from Cuba to study there, I have seen them in the street walking.

Q. They weren't in that area though?

A. Yes.

Q. Is that where you are from, Minsk?

A. No, Leningrad.

Q. Where did you meet Lee?

A. Minsk.

Q. Do you know whether Lee ever associated with, or did you ever see him talking with any of the Cuban students over there?

A. He went to a party once with mutual friends, my girl friends in dormitory, he use to live, but he never said the name.

Q. He went to a party over there, was it a friend of yours?

A. My girl friends and his friends.

Q. Do you know whether or not he formed any friendships as a result of going to this party with these Cubans?

A. No, I could not tell you that.

Q. Did he talk much about Cuba while he was in Russia?

A. You hear so much about Cuba, it seems that people are quite enthusiastic about Cubans in Russia.

Q. Did he speak much about Cuba?

A. Oh, I guess we have same kind of view, they show propaganda in Russia and it seems like you like these people.

Q. Did it seem to you that he liked Fidel Castro?

A. Yes. I hope you will not prosecute me for that.

Q. JUROR:

No, feel free to talk. Do not be afraid to talk.

MR. ALCOCK:

And you don't know of any relationship he struck up with these Cubans?

A. No.

Q. I presume they were students sent over by Castro to learn medicine.

A. I think they were to learn agriculture.

Q. You don't know of any friends he had in the Cuban community?

A. I don't know the names and I don't think he was very friendly with the little countries, they were very unhappy with the cold weather and did not treat them as they expected.

Q. Did he speak Spanish?

A. No.

Q. Not at all?

A. No.

Q. Could he speak Russian when he got there?

A. Yes.

Q. He could speak it already?

A. Yes. Sometimes he ask me.

Q. Did he tell you where he learned Russian?

A. He learned over there with fellow workers and people.

Q. He knew it before he came to Russia?

A. No, he did not.

Up until we got married friends who had not seen him for quite long time and they said his Russian very much improved.

Q. You went out with him and married him and did not how he got to Russia?

A. I asked him because I was curious.

Q. What did he tell you?

A. He said he bought some kind of tourist ticket and then he applied for citizenship.

- Q. Did he mention anything about the U. S. Government while he was over there, or the President of the U. S. or anything of that nature when he was in Russia?
- A. Certainly he talk about his country, he misses his country. He was not very happy in Russia.
- Q. Why not, do you know why?
- A. He said he is homesick. He said he does not like cold weather.
- Q. When he asked you to come to America what did you tell him?
- A. I was surprised, I did not think he could go back to his country, when I ask him he say no.

JUROR:

- Why couldn't he come back?
- A. Because he threw his passport away and he was ashamed to ask to go back.
- Q. How did you get to come back?
- A. We married and he went to the American Embassy in Russia and pretty long time he kept applying to United States.

MR. ALCOCK:

- What was the initials and the title of the Secret Police at that time in Russia?
how
- A. I don't know/you call it, MVD.
- Q. Did they, to your knowledge, ever question or talk to Lee when he was over there?
- A. I can't remember.
- Q. Do you recall any occasion when they did?
- A. I was not with him.
- Q. They never came to speak to him in your presence?
- A. No, they didn't.

Q. How long had Lee been in Russia when you met him?

A. One year.

Q. What year were you married to Lee?

A. It was long ago.

Q. Who paid your way back from Russia to the United States?

A. Lee borrowed money from the American Embassy.

MR. GARRISON:

The State Department of the U. S. Government.

A. Anyhow Russia did not pay for it.

Q. Did he ever tell you how he paid the State Department back?

A. He did. When we came here he was working, he sent the money back.

Q. Did he ever tell you that the last two months he was paying the State Department back in September, 1962 and January, 1963 he was paying more than \$200.00 a month, he was paying back more than he was earning.

A. He borrowed money from Robert Oswald.

Q. Was that in addition to the money he borrowed in New York to get back?

A. I am sorry, sir, I don't know.

Q. Did you have difficulty in getting out of Russia?

A. It was quite long time waiting and I was not positive they would let me get out.

Lee came first then they let me go, but he did not want to go by himself, so he wait for my visa to be ready.

Q. When you landed in the U. S. did you spend much time in New York at all?

A. Just 24 hours.

Q. Just 24 hours?

A. We came at noon and left the next day.

Q. Who did you speak to when you got here?

A. I did not speak to anybody, I did not speak English.

Q. Who did Lee speak to?

A. One place and another place, first somebody met us there over at the Airport, then we went somewhere else and everybody speak different language.

Q. Everybody spoke different languages?

A. They are for immigrants, some speak Polish, some French, and you know ...

A. Customs.

Q. Do you know whether Lee spoke to anybody of the FBI, the CIA or the Secret Service.

A. I would not know.

Q. Where did you stay for the 24 hours?

A. We were in some hotel, rooms, I don't know the name of the hotel.

Q. Do you remember the street?

A. It was Times Square, sometimes close to ...

Q. The Taft?

A. I don't remember.

JUROR:

Did Lee get along with his co-workers?

A. Yes, a few close friends, only one he was polite, that is all.

Q. Do you know of any people in the U. S. with whom Lee had contacts while he was in Russia, other than his family?

A. I don't understand your question?

MR. ALCOCK:

Q. When he was in Russia he was contacting members of his family. Do you know of any other Americans he may have written to or written letters to him?

A. He wrote letters to Governor Conally, but he wasn't Governor then.

Q. Do you know of any private individual he may have corresponded with?

A. No, just relatives, his aunt.

Q. Now when you got back to the U. S. did you go directly to Fort Worth?

A. Yes.

Q. Who did you stay with?

A. We stay with Robert Oswald, then we live with his mother and then we rent apartment.

Q. When you got to Fort Worth, was Lee, to your knowledge, contacted by any members of the FBI, CIA or the Secret Service?

A. When we live in our apartment only one man, or two men, came and I ask who it was and he said an FBI man.

Q. Did you understand English at all then?

A. No, I did not.

Q. Was this right after you got back to the U. S.

A. Very soon after we got back.

Q. Did he say what they wanted?

A. He said they just ask him questions.

Q. Did he seem annoyed by the fact that they came to talk to him?

A. He did not like it. He seemed upset.

Q. Now this was when you were living in Fort Worth?

A. Yes.

Q. Is that the only occasion you can recall any FBI agents, or any other federal agents came to speak to him?

A. Yes.

Q. How long, if you can recall, did you live in Fort Worth?

A. I don't remember.

Q. Then you moved to Dallas, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you have your own apartment in Dallas or did you live with members of his family?

A. No, we lived in our own apartment.

Q. Do you remember where it was?

A. No.

Q. What was Lee doing at the time, what kind of work?

A. I don't remember where he was working.

Q. Do you remember if he was working for the photograph company?

A. That was his last job.

Q. His last job in Dallas?

A. (Inaudible)

Q. Let me ask you this, what was Lee's reason for coming to New Orleans?

A. Seems he did not have luck with his jobs in Dallas so he decide he would have better luck in New Orleans and he did have few relatives here who would help him.

Q. Let me go back to Dallas now. When did you first meet Ruth Paine?

A Oh ...

Q. February of 1963?

A Oh, I don't know.

Q. Do you recall the occasion when you first met her?

A. We were invited to the party.

Q. Lee with you at the time?

A. Yes.

Q. Was Ruth Paine working at the time, do you know?

A. I don't think so.

Q. What was the reason for the party, what the occasion was?

A. We just invited to friendly party, and they invite Ruth because she spoke Russian.

Q. You had met some other people who spoke Russian before, hadn't you?

A. Yes, I met deMorenschid

Q. How did you happen to meet deMorenschid?

A. We live in Fort Worth and Lee went to library and Russian courses or something like this and he spoke to man teacher in courses and he Russian immigrant then he introduce us to Russian friends he knows and they came to see us and we were invited to theirhouse.

Q. Lee was taking a course in Russian at the library?

A. No, no, he went to the library and he want to take some books from the library and he saw the advertisement for courses and he spoke to this man teaching the Russian.. I don't know his name

MR. GARRISON:
Gregory.

A. yes, Gregory, and he introduce him to deMorenschid.

Q. Did you meet any other gentlemen, whose name you mentioned?

A. George Boja, he gave me some English lessons.

Q. George Boja get to know Lee very well?

A. I don't know.

Q. Did he see him often?

A. I don't know.

Q. Did he ever see Lee?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you know that George Boja lived next door to Jack Ruby in Dallas?

A. It was coincidence.

Q. Who said that?

A. George.

Q. When did he tell you that?

A. I saw him after Lee died, they were investigating everything and he said then Jack Ruby lives next door to him.

MR. GARRISON:

They shared a common swimming pool as a matter of fact.

A. Did they know each other?

Q. Yes.

MR. ALCOCK:

Q. Had you ever seen Jack Ruby before?

A. No. Mr. Garrison, I do not mean to correct you, but it was printed in the newspaper, for example, it was address book was some number to Jack Ruby's apartment, some kind of code to his telephone number and this was not true.

MR. GARRISON:

I think it was entirely possible, we merely pointed out

that possibility, we stated it only as a possibility and enthusiastic people ran off with it.

A. I wrote the number myself. When the FBI came to see us in the Ruth Paine apartment they told me to go outside and write the number of the car, so I went outside and write the number of the car. It was license number of his car.

Q. It was James Hostis' license number, that's another subject. We had James Hostis' address, his home phone number and his license for his car.

A. . But I say I wrote the number for the license.

Q. But this is a different matter.

MR. ALCOCK:

Going back to when you met Ruth Paine and you became friendly?

A. Yes.

Q. What reason did she give so you could teach her Russian?

A. She ask me for help.

Q. She was teaching Russian at the time, wasn't she?

A. I don't know, she was studying Russian and she didn't have nobody to help her and she invited me to live with her.

Q. When Lee was supposed to have ordered this gun from the wholesale place, in Chicago, were you aware of that?

A. I did not know when he ordered it.

Q. When did you first see it?

A. I don't remember, it was a surprise to me to see a rifle in the house.

Q. Where in the house did you see it?

A. In his closet.

Q. What is when you were living in Dallas prior to coming to New Orleans?

A. Yes.

Q. Did it have a scope on it at that time?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do you know what a telescopic sight is?

A. I don't know that.

Q. Did it have one on it when you saw it in the closet?

A. I don't know. I am not expert in rifles, I don't remember.

Q. MR. GARRISON:

Speaking of the rifle, did they ever let you know that Lee's fingerprints were never found on that rifle?

A. No.

Lee's

Q. Did they let you know that ~~no~~ fingerprints were never found on the 38 revolver that he is supposed to have shot Tippitt, there were no fingerprints at all, they were all wiped off.

A. No, I didn't know that.

Q. Now you are the one who gave the Warren Commission the information about Lee attempting to shoot General Walker, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Tell us about that.

A. What shall I tell?

Q. How you learned about it.

A. He came home and he told me.

Q. What did he tell you?

A. He told me he shot General Walker. He was pale and scared, and I said what happened, he came home quite late and told me he tried to shoot General Walker and he turned the radio on, it was late at night and there was nothing on the news.

Q. Then in the morning he came with the paper and it was in the news paper.

A. Did he explain how he managed to miss General Walker seated at his desk? There was no fence in the back and you could walk up to the window. Did he say anything about how he

A. missed him.

No. I don't know.

MR. ALCOCK:

Let me ask you this? What did he tell you prior to going? Did you see him when he left the house?

A. No, I don't remember. I remember when he came back.

Q. Do you remember what time he got back?

A. After 10. Close to 11:00 o'clock.

Q. Did you see him come in the door?

A. Yes, I was waiting for him.

Q. Did he have his rifle?

A. No, I don't know .. no, I don't think so.

Q. He didn't have his rifle?

A. He said he hid it somewhere.

Q. Did he say where he hid it?

A. He said somewhere, but I don't know where.

Q. Lee did not drive at the time, is that right?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever see Lee Oswald drive a car?

A. No.

Q. You have never been in a car driven by Lee Oswald?

A. No.

A. I have seen him in the car, Ruth Paine tried to give him lessons, that is all, she showed him what to do and all.

Q. Is that before coming to New Orleans or afterwards?

A. I don't remember. I think its after we came back.

Q. Did you ask him why he was shooting at Gen. Walker?

A. Yes, I said you have no right to shoot anybody even if they disagree with his ideas and he said if somebody had stopped Hitler at the right time there would be no war, he called Gen. Walker a fascist.

Q. Did you relate this story to the Dallas police, the FBI or anybody?

A. Yes, they asked me questions about the Walker incident

Q. No, I mean right after, when it happened?

A. No, I did not.

Q. Why didn't you?

A. First of all, I was afraid, Lee was my husband and he told me if I speak to somebody he would kill me as well.

Q. He said that?

A. Yes.

Q. And you didn't tell because he threatened you?

A. Yes. Another thing, I did not know where to go and I did not speak English.

MR. GARRISON:

Marina, did they ever let you know that the slug that entered in the wall of Gen. Walker's house did not match Lee Oswald's gun, did they ever tell you that?

A. No.

Q. Seems like they didn't point ^{out} any of these things which indicate

the whole story was not brought out to you. Do you ever have the feeling that you were not given the whole story?

A. No, I just know as much as he told me.

Q. Who told you, different agents?

A. No, Lee told me.

Q. Nobody let you know later on that when they tried to match the slug it did not match the rifle?

A. After all this happened I talked to Robert Oswald, I did not want to point things on him because he didn't do it, but I talked to Robert about Walker and then the FBI came with the story of this rifle and they said somebody already had this idea, and I did not want to talk about it, it was plenty already, about the Kennedy .. so I, they asked me some questions about Walker and all the pictures they had, you know, Walker's house, so they said somebody in police already have idea after all this happened connection between Walker shooting and this seem the same way.

MR. GARRISON:

Just let me illuminate one thing for you. The first time it ever came up and the first time Lee's name was ever mentioned in connection with the Gen. Walker shooting was within 24 hours after the shooting of the President, Gen. Walker stated this might be the same man who shot at him. Prior to this statement of General Walker's your husband's name never came up, and was never included in any investigations before then. Here is a picture of Gen. Walker's house. When you first saw that picture, I know you have seen it before, when you first saw it that hole was not punched in the license number, is that correct?

A. When I saw the negative?

Q. When you first saw it, yes? It did not have a hole punched in it?

A. When I saw the negatives of this picture it was not there. They asked me questions in the Warren Commission and I start to remember and it was quite obvious

Q. When you first saw the negative there was no hole punched in the license number?

A. No, I don't remember the holes.

JUROR:

You say Lee had negatives of Gen. Walker's house?
from

A. Yes, the FBI came up with this picture ~~of~~ Lee's negative

MR. GARRISON:

What do you mean they came up with them?

A. Lee had pictures made before he shot Gen. Walker.

JUROR:

Did he have a camera with which he took the pictures, or
did somebody else ...

A. No, he had the camera. He used to work in this place
where he make pictures.

MR. GARRISON:

Let me ask you this while we are on that point, did Lee
ever mention to you why he has General Walker's name and
telephone number in this book?

A. No, I never look in his book.

Q. Was that Lee's handwriting?

A. Yes. Of course somebody can copy like this.

Q. Did he say anything to you about his trip to Mexico in late
September or October of 1963?

A. Yes.

Q. What did he say?

A. He said he planned to go to Mexico City, he want to go to
Cub~~a~~from there, he told me not to speak to anybody about it.

Q. When did he say he was going to be back?

A. He said maybe never. Then he say maybe after a few years.

Q. Did he explain to you why on the 24th of September, 1963,

before he supposedly left for Mexico, he mailed a change of address card for his mail changing his mail to Irving

A. Because I was moving over there.

Q. That was for his mail now. He mentioned your name on another change of address card earlier, but this one only changed his mail.

A. Since we change apartments many times he received mail in his post office box I guess, I never ask him questions.

Q. You mentioned in your testimony about him telling you he would like to hijack a plane to Cuba. Did he ever explain to you how he was going to fly the plane to Cuba if he couldn't drive a car?

A. No, it never crossed my mind.

Q. Did he mention to you having a friend who was a pilot?

A. He said he met ... I tried to do my best and talk him out of this and sometimes lot of criticism from my side to convince him how foolish it was, I told him if you want to do this so badly you can't do it by yourself, if you find somebody who want to go to Cuba maybe all can go some legal way. He mentioned no names but he had seen some people.

Q. What do you mean, he had seen some people?
on the street

A. When he gave pamphlets away/he met some Cubans who wanted to go back.

Q. JUROR:

You seem to have changed apartments quite often, why was that?

A. I don't know, cheaper place, we like locations better.

Q. It was always his idea, not yours?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he leave home often? Were you by yourself?

A. No.

Q. What did you think about it when he told you he was going to Cuba and he would not be back for several years?

A. I didn't know what to think. I was quite depressed about it, I didn't know if he wanted to send me back to my own country, he completely change when he got back here.

Q. Where did you have your first child?

A. In Russia.

Q. Where did you have your second child?

A. Here in Dallas.

Q. Did he tell you how he was going to take care of you and the children while he was gone to Cuba?

A. He say I have plenty of friends and they will take care of me, and if I need help I can go to the Red Cross.

Q. He didn't tell you any particular person you could contact?

A. No.

MR. GARRISON:

Did he have plenty of friends?

A. Here?

A. Yes.

A. I don't know, sir. Friends he invited to our house like George deMorenschid, I wasn't looking around for friends but I was lonesome for people in our house and seem like George Boja and Lee didn't get along, they did not like each other. George deMorenschid was the only person Lee really liked,

Q. What friends did he have in New Orleans?

A. ... Maret.

Q. Yes, Maret. Was there ever an occasion when he would be gone in the evening?

A. Not late in the evenings, he would work sometimes. He wasn't gone long time.

Q. Was he gone sometimes?

A. He would go to the library to get a book.

Q. Did he ever explain to you why he went to the library on Thursdays?

A. No, I did not know it was Thursdays.

MR. ALCOCK: he

When ~~you~~ came to New Orleans you were staying with Ruth Paine prior to coming here? In other words, he came down first?

A. Yes.

Q. Where did he say he was going to stay?

A. He said he would find a place for us to live then he would phone me, then he phoned me and we came down here.

Q. You all drove down here?

A. Yes.

Q. And you went directly to the Magazine Street apartment?

A. No, first we stopped by his aunt Lillian and I met his family and then to Magazine Street.

Q. Now, where was the rifle, did you all bring it down or did he bring it down?

A. I don't remember.

Q. What did he take with him when he left?

A. Just little luggage. Lee did the packing all the time.

Q. You brought everything else then? With Ruth Paine?

A. Yes.

Q. You don't recall ever loading the rifle, or what appeared to be a rifle, in the station wagon?

A. No, when I came in he was unloading the car.

Q. When you got down here you lived on Magazine Street, is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. Where did you go, where are some of the places you went to here in New Orleans?

A. We went to Pontchartrain Beach and Audubon Park, and the River.

Q. How did you all get to those places?

A. We took a bus.

Q. You and Lee?

A. And my baby.

Q. Did you meet anybody at any time on these trips?

A. No.

Q. Never spoke to anybody?

A. No.

Q. Did you know where Lee was working down here?

A. No, he told me working for coffee company. I went walking once and went one place and ask for him in this place where I thought he was working, some kind of coffee company, and they say he do not work there, they do not have employee by that name.

Q. You were checking to see if he was working there?

A. I asked him about working for coffee company

Q. Reily Coffee Co.

A. Yes, but they say they don't have employee by that name.

Q. You spoke English then?

A. Few words. I could read the cans in the grocery stores.

Q. How long did Lee keep that job, as far as you knew?

A. I don't know. Not too long.

Q. I think you testified before the Commission that he had the job through the end of August. Do you recall that?

A. Whatever I said was true.

Q. If I told you he lost the job about July 19, then you must have been under the impression for about a month and half that he still had the job?

A. So for a while he didn't have a job, and he pretend like he have a job.

Q. How did he pretend?

A. He just leave in the morning and come back at night.

Q. What time did he come back at night?

A. About the usual time.

Q. What was the usual time?

A. About 4:00 o'clock.

Q. What did he use for money?

A. He got unemployment agency check.

Q. Did you notice any difference in the income?

A. He kept the money, and we went to the grocery store together so he always paid.

Q. Did he ever tell you how he got the job?

A. I don't remember.

Q. When he called you in Texas to tell you that he had found a

job, did he ever mention anybody who may have helped him to get the job?

A. He may have, but I don't remember. It was four years ago when I went before the Warren Commission

Q. Unfortunately, they didn't ask you too many questions about New Orleans.

A. They did not, but the Secret Service and the FBI did ask questions about New Orleans. About everything.

Q. MR. SCIAMBRA:

Did Lee ever mention the names of new friends he may have had at the Riley Coffee Co?

A. I don't remember the names but he said he had pretty good guy, a colored guy, was a friend.

Q. You don't remember his name?

A. No.

Q. Did he ever mention the fact that there were some other people named Oswald at the Coffee Co?

A. No.

Q. Did he work with this colored guy, or was he just someone he knew here in town?

A. No, they were working together, they friends.

Q. Now, its your testimony, as you recall, that Lee came home every day about 5:00 o'clock or were there instances that were much later than that?

A. Usually late at night.

Q. How many nights did he spend away from home overnight?

A. He never did, only one night when he was arrested.

Q. On The Fair Play for Cuba?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he ever come home after 7:00 o'clock at night?

A. No.

Q. You ever remember him coming home after dark?

A. Sometimes, he come home and he can go somewhere to the grocery store, something like that. He go for a walk.

Q. Did you usually go out with him or did he go by himself?

A. No, I was not feeling very well, I was pregnant and did not go with him.

Q. Other than Pontchartrain Beach and Audubon Park, and grocery stores around the house, did you go any other place?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever go in a car with Lee, with someone else driving, in the City?

A. Their relatives, we went with them to their place. And with his cousin we went to Mobile.

Q. Other than that, you never rode in a car with anybody in New Orleans?

A. No.

Q. Except with relatives, that is all? And with the Murets?

A. Yes.

JUROR:

What about clothes for you? You went grocery shopping with him, who did the shopping for clothes for you and the baby?

A. Very few clothes.

Q. You didn't have to buy any?

A. Window shopping.

Q. He didn't have a lot of money to buy with, did he?

A. No.

Q. Didn't you study pharmacy in Russia?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you working when you all met?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you working as a pharmacist?

A. Yes.

Q. Well, wasn't this a comedown for you?

A. Yes, it was.

Q. Did you work here in New Orleans?

A. No.

Q. You never did apply for a job?

A. No, I need to have lessons to refresh, I have to go to college for 2 years and my English is well enough I will take examination.

Q. You don't have to work now? You are secure now?

A. Yes, my husband take care of me for a while.

Q. What does your husband do?

A. He owns a lounge and bar and grill in Dallas.

Q. MR. GARRISON:

Marina, did they identify the \$25,000.00 donor to you when they went through the donations, do you remember that?

A. Yes, people were sending me money.

Q. The first contribution was \$25,000.00 from an unknown source, it was not identified by the Warren Commission.

A. Sir, I don't know how it happened, people lived with me took care of all of the mail, I did not have time to do that.

Q. The first contribution was \$25,000.00.

A. I didn't know about that.

Q. MR. SCIAMBRA:

You are saying that between July 19 and the latter part of August you stated in the Warren Commission that you thought Lee was working as he was away from the house all day long?

A. Not all day but part of the time he was supposed to work.

MR. ALCOCK:

Q. Did he tell you what he was doing?

A. No, but later on he told me he did not have a job for a while.

Q. What did he say he was doing then?

A. He said he was ashamed to admit he lost his job.

Q. Did he say what he was doing?

A. No.

Q. He didn't tell you anything?

A. No.

Q. Did you have any idea where he might have been in the day time?

A. No.

Q. Did he tell you about going to jail when they arrested him for Fair Play for Cuba?

A. He said he was arrested when he came in the morning, all dirty, and said he spent the night in jail.

Q. Did he tell you why?

A. He got in argument with police or somebody else in the street.

Q. Did he explain to you what he was doing?

A. He said he was talking to the people.

Q. When did you first see the Fair Play for Cuba pamphlets around the house?

A. I don't know when, sir, but when we live in New Orleans in Magazine Street they came by mail.

Q. You don't know if

A. ... I don't know if they came directly to the house or if Lee brought them from the Post Office box.

Q. You didn't see any of those in Dallas at all before you came to New Orleans?

A. No.

Q. He did not mention this activity before you came to New Orleans?

A. No.

Q. What did he say he was doing with these things?

A. He said he want to have sympathy of Americans for Cuba.

Q. Did he mention any of the names of the Cubans he knew down here?

A. No.

Q. You never saw any at your house?

A. No .. once, Sunday night I think, somebody was arrested, one morning somebody came to the door pretty early, and I ask him who it was, and he did not speak to him. I did not see this man.

Q. Does the name Carlos Quiroga mean anything to you?

A. No.

JUROR:

Weren't you concerned about his welfare when he wanted to go to Cuba? And during these activities?

A. You cannot do anything in the street in Russia like demonstrations like this.

Q. You can or cannot?

A. You cannot.

Q. Well, wouldn't that make you concerned about his welfare doing that here?

A. It never happened, he never did it in Russia.

MR. ALCOCK:

Did he ever tell you about handing them out

JUROR:

It seems you would be concerned about his welfare, worried about him being put in jail.

A. I was.

Q. Why didn't you try to talk him out of it?

A. I did.

Q. What was his argument?

A. He sit and read and pay no attention and tell me to shut up.

Q. Did he ever beat you up?

A. Yes.

Q. How many times?

A. Quite a few.

Q. Would he be that violent?

A. He was quite violent, yes.

Q. With men or just women?

A. I don't know except with me.

Q. Did he ever get in a fight with a man?

A. No.

Q. He was not a big boy, was he?

A. No, but taller than me.

Q. Did he ever come home bruised up?

A. No, he came home pretty dirty after the jail.

Q. Did he drink?

A. No.

Q. He didn't drink at all?

A. Oh, he had a drink at a party in Russia, mostly my relatives there insist on it, he was not drunk.

Q. Did he drink at all in New Orleans that you can recall?

A. No.

Q. You never smelled alcohol on him?

A. No.

Q. Marina, where would you go to get your groceries?

A. Close to our house supermarket.

Q. Winn-Dixie Store?

A. I don't remember. On Magazine Street.

Q. On Magazine Street, not far from your house?

A. One was on Magazine and one was way back.

Q. Do you remember Lee going to the grocery store and making application for a card whereby he could cash his checks at any Winn-Dixie Store in town?

A. I think he cashed his checks in special grocery store, but it was bigger store and it was not on Magazine Street.

Q. That was the Winn-Dixie Store on Prytania Street. In order to do this he had to get a card which would enable him to cash his checks at these stores. Now, do you remember seeing

any such card?

A. I never read the card, but I have seen him with this card and he was at this office wherever it was he cashed the check.

Q. Do you remember him mentioning any of the names that he may have put down as references on the application for the card?

A. No sir.

MR. ALCOCK:

Marina, do you recall if Lee ever registered to vote down here?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do you recall him telling you about going out of town looking for work? I mean, close by but out of New Orleans.
Ruth

A. Once he went to Mexico City he told ~~me~~ he going to look for a job somewhere else, I mean another city somewhere.

Q. In other words, so Ruth wouldn't know he was going to Mexico City?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he ever tell you in the summer that he might go to some place close by New Orleans to look for work?

A. No.

Q. Did he tell you he would register outside New Orleans to vote?

A. No.

Q. Did he have any particular views on segregation or race relations or anything?

A. I don't believe.

Q. Did he ever express an opinion whether or not he was for integration or segregation?

A. We have the same views, I was against it, I was surprised to see some signs and he expressed similar views.

Q. Do you know of any activity he engaged in in that area?

A. No, I don't know, sir.

Q. Did you ever see any pamphlets similar to the Cuban ones around?

A. No, I only know about the Cuban pamphlets.

Q. When did you first see the Cuban pamphlets, long after you came here or shortly after you came here?

A. Shortly.

Q. You never saw any of those in Dallas?

A. No.

Q. How about when you went back to Dallas?

A. No, I did not.

Q. Where did Lee keep his rifle down here in New Orleans?

A. In a closet like.

Q. Did he keep it wrapped up or in the open?

A. In the open, but I was not interested. He said never to open the closet or put my nose in it.

Q. You did see it here in the closet here?

A. Yes. I have seen him cleaning the rifle.

Q. Where, on the back porch?

A. Sometime in the house, sometime in the back porch.

Q. Have you ever seen him practice with it, actually shoot the rifle?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever see him aim the rifle?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. On the back porch.

Q. Did he have a round deal on the top, a telescope?

A. I guess he had, I don't know.

Q. As far as you know, he never shot it?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever seen his pistol down here?

A. I don't remember. I don't remember much about the pistol, everybody talk about the rifle, I forget about the pistol.

Q. But you recall seeing it?

A. I don't remember.

Q. Did you take that famous picture of him with the rifle and the pistol?

A. Yes, you are right.

Q. With a leather holster?

A. Yes, I guess the first time I saw one I take the picture and I surprised to see hanging down this thing.

JUROR:

You did make the picture?

A. Yes.

took

Q. You/two pictures that day.

A. I guess so.

Q. Where was that, Irving?

A. No, in Dallas.

Q. Was that on Bleckly Street?

A. Yes.

Q. What were you doing on Bleckly Street, were you living there with him at that time?

A. Yes. We moved on Bleckly then I went to Ergert.

MR. GARRISON:

Q. Did you ever live on Bleckly with him?

A. Oh, I am sorry, sir. We live on Mercedes, it was in Fort Worth.

Q. Elsbert?

A. Yes, Elsbert in Dallas.

Q. Before he came down here?

A. When he was living by himself? I never have been there.

Q. Where was it you took the picture with the rifle?

A. It was in Dallas.

Q. Where was the place you lived before you came down here?

A. Neely St.

Q. How many people knew Lee had the rifle besides you?

A. I think deMoreschid.

Q. Why?

A. I think Lee showed it to him.

Q. In your presence?

A. I don't remember right now, because one day he was coming to visit us and I was going back to tend the baby.

Q. How did the rifle get back to Dallas from New Orleans, did you take it back in the stationwagon?

A. I don't know.

Q. Did you see it in the stationwagon from New Orleans back to Dallas?

A. Later I found out it was wrapped in a blanket. I didn't know it.

Q. Did you see it in the stationwagon at any time?

A. No, Lee packed the clothes in New Orleans and moved the whole things in the garage. So I unpacked the baby things and the things I need.

Q. Who unpacked the rest?

A. It was not unpacked.

Q. Stayed in the car.

A. Stayed in the garage.

Q. Who unpacked the car and put it in the garage?

A. Lee unpacked all the things.

Q. Well, he didn't show up there until later? Until the 3rd of Oct. You left here on the 24th of Sept. and he didn't show up

A. until Oct. 3rd, so who took the rifle out of the car?

A. I guess I did, me and Ruth.

Q. Don't you remember whether or not you removed a rifle?

A. I did not know it was a rifle.

Q. What did you think it was?

A. I did not think, I did not pay attention, it was big and heavy, Ruth put everything in the garage.

Q. You mean you left something wrapped in a blanket and you didn't know what it was?

A. I did not open it. I thought it was something from the baby's metal bed. I just knew where my things were, I did not want to go into lot of unpacking.

Q. You just carried this thing into the garage or did you look at it at all?

A. No.

Q. Then how do you know it was a rifle?

A. When Lee was arrested and the police came to ask me if Lee had the rifle and I said yes.

Q. Yes, but that is several months later. After the stationwagon arrived in Irving and everything was unpacked who took the rifle out of the car and put it in the garage, if Lee didn't come for a week later?

A. Sir, things weren't unpacked. Ruth Paine was carrying some things or her husband, they put all of the things which belonged in the garage, I knew where the diapers were, my clothes and brought in the house what I needed.

Q. I am just trying to clarify, did you see the gun?

A. No, I did not see the gun.

Q. Did you see any ammunition for the gun?

A. Yes.

Q. Where?

A. In New Orleans in the apartment.

JUROR:

What did he tell you he was going to do with this gun?

A. He did not like to have rifle gun in house, seems like he couldn't enjoy it very much

Q. He just liked to play with it and clean it?

A. Yes.

MR. ALCOCK:

Marina, you went to Mobile with Lee where he made a speech to some seminary students and you walked around the grounds with a Jesuit Priest who spoke Russian, do you recall that?

A. Yes.

Q. You recall talking to him about Lee and his activities in New Orleans?

A. I know what we were talking about, I was surprised he spoke Russian very well and seem like it took him very short time to learn what we were talking about. I do not know maybe I make some remarks I was surprised to hear Lee make lecture over there.

Q. Do you remember telling the priest that Lee was away from home a great deal?

A. I don't remember, I could have said so.

Q. If you had said that, what would you have meant by that?

A. I can't say. Anyhow I did not mean he left me at night.

Q. You meant that he left you during the day?

A. That is what I mean.

Q. Now it is your testimony now that this is something you can remember positively, that Lee never spent the night away from your New Orleans home except the one night he was arrested, is this correct?

A. Yes, I remember.

Q. And you are not quite so positive that he might have been out a little later than 7:00 o'clock on one night, is that correct? He could have been out until 8:00 or 9:00 o'clock, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. You can't positively say he was home by 5:00 o'clock every night?

A. No.

Q. During the day he was generally always away from home and ~~he~~ you never knew where he was?

A. He told me he going to work, I can't know for sure.

MR. SCIAMBRA:

Did he ever mention that he went to a town or area around New Orleans?

A. No.

Q. To your knowledge did he ever go to any other town?

A. No.

Q. Did you^{all} make any other trips to Mobile besides the one where he made the speech at the college?

A. I don't think so.

Q. What did he speak about?

A. I was not present.

Q. He did not tell you?

A. He was talking about Karl Marx, he was quite excited, the audience they listened to him pretty well.

MR. GARRISON:

Isn't it a fact that some of the remarks in his speech were clearly against communism?

A. I don't know, sir, because I was not present when he gave the speech, I just heard the comments.

Q. What type of comments did you hear?

A. I don't know if they like or dislike the speech, they said it was interesting.

Q. Nobody seemed disturbed by it, did they?

A. No.

MR. ALCOCK:

Marina, do you know how to drive now?

A. No.

Q. You can't drive a car?

A. No.

Q. You have never driven a car, is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. You have never seen Lee Oswald drive a car?

A. I have seen him in a car when Ruth gave him lessons when he was practising, maybe he move car once, something like that.

Q. Was that after you left New Orleans and went back to Dallas?

A. I think after we came back from New Orleans.

Q. Did you ever see any other woman drive him in a car besides Ruth Paine or Lillian Muret?

A. No sir, oh, .. I don't remember right now.

Q. You do not recall any other woman driving Lee Oswald, and you can't think of any other woman driving him?

A. No.

JUROR:

What kind of conversations would you have when he comes home? Did you ever talk about anything?

A.

First of all, supper on the table when he come home.

Q. Did you talk during meals or after?

A. He was not much of a talker at all. He read a lot.

MR. ALCOCK:

Do you know where Lee got the ammunition for the gun?

A. I don't know where.

Q. When?

A. I don't know when either.

Q. First time you saw it was in New Orleans, is that correct?

A. Yes.... No, it was here in Dallas.

Q. Before you came here?

A. Yes.

Q. You recall the first time you saw this gun/it had a telescopic sight? Your testimony before the Commission is confused on this. You didn't seem to know what a telescopic sight was.

A. I don't know if it was telescope later or if it was already there, when I first saw rifle I jump at him why did he buy it, I did not want to look at it.

Q. When you saw it in New Orleans and he was cleaning it, did it have a telescopic sight?

A. Yes, whatever it was on top was pretty big, it was not plain.

Q. It had a long thing on top, sight?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he tell you why he bought this gun?

A. I asked him why he said its nice to have it.

Q. Now what did Lee tell you about this Fair Play for Cuba organization?

A. He did not say much. I asked him why he do this and he say they have this organization here to help Cuba.

Q. To help Castro?

A. I guess help Castro.

Q. He said some people here?

A. Yes, he said people here who sympathized with Fidel Castro.

Q. Did he name any of these people?

A. No sir.

Q. Did he ever tell you that he met with these people?

A. He said he met some people in the street.

Q. They were friendly to Fidel Castro?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he say he had any further occasion to talk to these people after that day?

A. No.

Q. Did he tell you about the time he passed out leaflets by the aircraft carrier on the wharf up here?

A. No.

Q. How many times did he tell you he passed out leaflets?

A. I don't know, quite often I guess, when he lost his job he did not have much to do.

Q. Did he say he passed them out quite often over there?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he ever tell you about the time he passed them out by the big aircraft carrier?

A. No.

Q. Did you have a telephone here?

A. No.

Q. Did he ever receive any mail at the house at all?

A. Some mail from Ruth Paine.

Q. She wouldn't write to the Post Office box, she wrote directly to the house?

A. Yes.

Q. How about Mrs. Crawford, when did you first meet her?

A. She came only once after church, with one or two girls, anyway with her children, she stayed a little while and then she left and I never have seen her again.

Q. When you went back to Dallas do you recall the time Lee went

to the American Civil Liberties Union meeting?

A. Yes, I think he went with Michael Paine.

Yes, or alone, I don't know.

Q. He told you about the meeting?

A. Yes.

Q. What did he say?

A. I don't remember now.

Q. But you do recall his mentioning it?

A. Yes.

JUROR:

Did he ever tell you about joining any clubs or meeting places where he would go?

A. No.

MR. SCIAMBRA:

Marina, did he tell you about the time he distributed leaflets in front of the Trade Mart?

A. No, I don't think so.

Q. In other words there were times when he distributed these leaflets when he did not tell you he did it on that day?

A. He would take the papers, where he would go I don't know, which street, or how many he would distribute.

MR. GARRISON:

Marina, you signed the Fair Play for Cuba card, that is your handwriting. Wasn't it?

A. Yes.

Q. What name did you sign?

A. He asked me to sign some papers and he threatened me if I don't sign them.

Q. What did he threaten to do?

A. He asked me to sign for him with my handwriting on it.
It was a name like ...

Q. Heidel?

A. Yes, Heidel, and I asked him why its Heidel because its like Fidel?

Q. How did he threaten you?

A. I don't remember right now.

Q. Why did he?

A. Because he wanted me to do that.

Q. You didn't want to do it?

A. No.

Q. Why not?

A. I am not interested in any of these organizations.

Q. There was nothing wrong with it at that time, only in hindsight after the assassination was there anything wrong with it.

A. I don't like demonstrations or belonging to some kind of political organizations.

Q. Did it ever occur to you that it was odd that no one around him was ever able to produce anyone who was in favor of Vastro.

A. I don't understand.

A. Has it ever occurred to you that it is strange that they have never been able to find anyone connected with Lee who was in favor of Castro?

A. No sir.

Q. You don't think that's strange?

A. It was not strange to me, as much as I knew Lee he did not

talk much, he was not talking too much about his ...
to strangers ...

Q. But he had friends in Russia. You met him there, he was a stranger when you met him.

A. He was different person, sir, kind of like in shell.

Q. When did he become a different person?

A. Quite soon after we came here.

Q. In New Orleans, or back in the United States?

A. Back in the United States.

Q. On the 15th of May, within a week or so after he got his new job at the Reilly Coffee Company, Lee left and went to Covington, La. all day in 1963.

A. Was I here then?

Q. Yes. Do you know anything about that?

A. No sir.

Q. Did you ever hear of a Dr. Kette over there who was a friend of David Ferrie's?

A. No.

Q. What names did you hear, I know he must have mentioned some of them.

A. None of them, he never mentioned any at all.

Q. Did he mention the name of any Doctor that you can remember?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever have occasion to need a doctor?

A. Yes, we went to the hospital once to make plans for the baby.

Q. Which hospital?

A. I don't know.

Q. Charity Hospital?

A. I don't know, they refuse to speak to me, they say how long you live in New Orleans?

Q. Was it on Jackson Avenue?

A. I don't know much about streets.

Q. Sara Mayo?

A. I don't know.

JUROR:

Was it a big place?

A. Yes, they refuse to talk to me.

MR. ALCOCK:

Do you remember the Doctor you talked to at the hospital?

A. I didn't talk to a doctor. I talked to a nurse.

Q. Did you fill out any papers?

A. Lee filled out a paper, they refuse.

Q. That is the only time you remember having any contact with a hospital or doctor?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Lee did not mention the name of any doctor that he may have met or known in New Orleans?

A. No.

Q. Did Lee go to the library at Tulane University?

A. I don't know which library he used, I know only one. I went with him to one on Napoleon and Magazine.

Q. Is that the only one you ever went to?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know if he ever used the main library downtown?

A. I don't know.

Q. How about Mr. Reisman, do you know that name?

A. No.

Q. He never mentioned Tulane University?

A. No.

Q. How about Loyola University?

A. No.

Q. Was he taking any courses at all when he was here?

A. No, as far as I know.

Q. JUROR:

What did he read most of the time?

A. Biographys and history.

MR. GARRISON:

The book 1984?

A. I don't remember, sir.

Q. Do you remember the name of the person you spoke to on the campus at Mobile when Lee was giving that talk?

A. Lee's cousins and one of the men spoke Russian, I don't know if he was a priest.

Q. What were their names?

A. I don't know.

Q. You don't remember Lee's cousins' names?

A. John, I think, Muret.

Q. You remember the name of the priest or fellow you spoke to who spoke Russian to you on the campus?

A. No.

Q. Mr. Alcock asked you before if you remembered telling this man that Lee was away from home a great deal and you did not know his associates or his activities. You remember telling this man that?

A. I don't remember it now.

Q. If I told you that this man said that in front of the Warren Commission would that be true? An affidavit in front of the Warren Commission.

A. I don't know, I can't talk for him.

Q. What did you tell him?

A. I have no reason to lie, he is a priest and I am not denying what I said.

Q. Did you tell him this?

A. I don't remember this, if he said this

Q. If I ask you this question now as to whether or not Lee was away from home a great deal and you did not know his associates or his activities, what would your answer be?

A. Right now you ask me, I said I don't know. Excuse me, if I understand you correctly. If you, for example, now ask me if Lee was away from home would it be true or not? If I was complaining, yes?

Q. I am not asking you if you were complaining. Was he or was he not away from home.

A. He was occasionally, yes.

Q. Was he, or was he not, away from home a great deal?

A. To me it was great deal, but not one night was he away from home.

Q. I am not asking you about nights. I asked you was he away from home a great deal. Why is night so important to you?

A. It is not important to me.

Q. You keep mentioning it.

A. I am honest with you and I am not lying, sir.

Q. I am not saying you are lying, I am trying to find out why the priest would say that you said to him Lee was away from the house a great deal and you did not know any of his associates or his activities.

A. OK, which question do you want me to answer, about what the priest said to the Warren Commission about associates, is true, and I don't know about his activities. And I might have complained about him being away from home.

Q. He was always home nights.

A. Except one when he was in jail.

Q. When was this one night?

A. I don't know. It would be in the record.

Q. Can you give me the one time he was out past 5:00 o'clock?

A. I don't remember.

Q. But you are sure it was one time?

A. You remind me of Perry Mason. I just can't remember.

Q. Didn't you say before that he would come home at 5:00 o'clock and that he was looking to eat, then he would eat and then go out take a walk or something like that?

A. Yes, and sometimes when he wasn't working he would leave early in the morning, not all the time, 9:00 o'clock, or 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Sometimes, anytime, ...

Q. He would eat his supper sometimes and then go out again?

A. Yes, and since he wasn't working he went out not only to give the papers away, he told me he was looking for a job.

MR. ALCOCK:

Did he tell you where he was looking for a job?

A. In the morning he usually bring papers home and looks

at places he wants to check and then he goes out.

Q. He never told you the name of any place where he actually applied for a job?

A. No, he said some addresses maybe.

Q. When you saw him cleaning his rifle, what was he cleaning it with?

A. Rags, maybe oil. I don't know how he cleaned the rifle, he was polishing it.

Q. And he had a rag and was cleaning it with a rag?

A. Yes.

Q. You don't remember what kind of fluid he was using?

A. No.

Q. Would he go out on his days off and go practice shooting?

A. I don't know which day.

Q. When he took his rifle out of the house how was he carrying it?

A. He used to hide it in his raincoat. He tried to hide all his activities from me, he would say I have to sneak out and
A he would go

Q MR. ALCOCK:

Did you know Col Orlov?

A No sir.

Q If I told you he drove to Ft Worth with Mr deMorenschid to see you and Lee, would that refresh your memory any?

A Who did?

Q Col Orlov?

A No sir, I don't remember that name at all.

Q You don't remember that name at all?

Q Have you ever heard the name Augustinovich?

A No

Q Not at all?

A Not at all.

Q How about the name Ardin?

A No - when I was living in Ruth Paine's house I met some Col. but it was shortly before it happened, the assassination, but I don't remember his name.

Q What was he over there for?

A. I don't remember now. I think he went to give him some lessons or something like that - When you mentioned Col.

Q How soon before you left New Orleans did Lee tell you he was going to Mexico City?

A How soon? He told me before I left New Orleans he was going to Mexico, he was talking about going to Mexico City before I went to New Orleans to Irving.

Q How long before you went from New Orleans to Irving?

A One month, I don't remember.

Q What did he say about the trip?

A He want to go to Cuba, he thought it would be easier to go through Mexico

Q Did he say he was going down with any of the anti-Castro Cubans?

A No.

Q He didn't mention the names of anyone he was going with?

A No

Q Did he say he was going by himself or with others?

A He said he go by himself

Q How did he say he was going down there?

A By bus.

Q I take it when you went back to Irving you didn't expect to see him again, did you?

A Maybe sometime, but I did not know when

MR. GARRISON:

Did you think he had the money to go to Russia through Cuba?

A He saved some money.

Q He had \$200.00, that is all he had. What did he say afterward about Mexico?

A He say he went to Cuban Embassy and to Russian Enbassy and they would not let him go.

Q He told you he went to the Cuban Embassy?

A And how brave he was and, you know ---

Q When did he tell you this?

A When he came back

Q Well, he came back on the 3rd according to the YMCA records, in Dallas, how many days afterward did he tell you?

A The first time I had seen he had told me this.

Q Well he stayed at the YMCA on the 3rd and checked out on the 4th - did he spend the next night at the Paines, the 4th?

A Yes, I guess so.

Q That was the night he told you about going to the Embassy?

A Yes.

Q He told you that?

A Yes.

Q You are sure that nobody told you later on to say that he

told you that?

A No.

Q Did he say why he did not get a visa?

A Because he said it takes long time for him to wait and he did not have time to wait for it. He was impatient to go right away, he did not have enough money to stay and wait.

Q. He also did not have enough money to get there if he had gotten a visa Did it ever occur to you that he did not go to Mexico at all?

A. No sir. I believed what he said

Q What did he say about the Russian Embassy in Mexico City?

A He had long conversation with some kind of, he mentioned the name but I don't remember, of some authority, and he had argument with him

Q If you were going to Russia would you go by way of Cuba?

A No.

Q Its kind of an out of the way route, isn't it? Did it ever occur to you that that was kind of odd?

A No, when we live in New Orleans he want me to send him papers to Russian Embassy and he want for me to go back to Russia, and then he had idea that he would stay in Cuba for a while and see what it was all about, and then he said from Cuba, if he didn't like it over there, he could go back to Russia and meet me back or bring me to Cuba

Q And what did you say about that plan?

A Of course wherever he go I will follow him, but I did not want to leave the United States the condition I was in, I was not making plans, I was expecting baby.

MR. ALCOCK:

Did Lee mention to you at any time in New Orleans that he was going out to dinner with someone else or a group?

A. No sir.

Q Can you give us the name of anybody, while you were living in New Orleans, that he may have known or may have met?

A If I remember any name I would tell you. I am not hiding anything.

Q MR. GARRISON:

Well we feel that there must be at least one other person with whom he associated that was for Castro

A I am willing to help you

Q When we look at his associates we don't find one who was for Castro and we thought you might be able to give us one

A. I am sorry

JUROR:

Did you ever see him talk to anybody else?

A. No.

Q When he went to the movies or to the park he never talked to anyone else?

A No, he went to the movies by himself, I did not talk English so I could not go.

Q MR. SCIAMBRA:

Now when you went back to Dallas and were living with Ruth Paine, and Lee was living in the apartment on Bleckly, how often did he call you?

A. Quite often.

Q. Did he speak to you in Russian?

A Yes.

Q During the day, evening, or when did he call you?

A In the evening

Q Did you ever call him there?

- A I tried to call him once and I asked for his name ~~and they said~~ and they said this man doesn't live here. Then when he came home I ask where do you live he got very mad and said he was not listed by this name.
- Q He went by the name of O. H, Lee, is that right?
- A I don't know - I found out later.
- Q What did you say when you found out he was using an alias.
- A I said I am tired of you hiding your name, I felt ashamed.
- Q Marina, when you left him it was after you went back to Dallas?
- A. I left him once, I took the baby and went to friends but later friends try to help us, he was looking for jobs and he could not support me.
- Q. Did you have occasion to talk to Lee in the Dallas jail?
- A. Yes, it was after he was arrested after the assassination.
- Q. What time was that?
- A. I don't remember the time of day.
- Q How did you get there?
- A. Policeman came and took me there.
- Q Was it the FBI, the Secret Service or the Dallas Police?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Were they in uniform or out of uniform?
- A. They have badges on side.
- Q Were they in a marked car or plain car?
- A. I don't remember that. I was so scared.

Q What did they tell you when they came to your house?

A. They said he was arrested and they wanted to see the place and ~~I said~~ they said did I have the rifle and I said yes so they asked me where and I said in the garage and they were looking in the garage and uncovered the blanket.

Q Did they find the rifle?

A Oh, by the way, I remember when I discovered the rifle I saw it in the blanket, I knew it was supposed to be there.

MR. GARRISON:

I know that. I was talking about the time it was transferred from the stationwagon.

A I was looking for the blankets for the bed and when I uncovered it it was the rifle.

Q Was that much later?

A. Yes, not right away.

Q Did you ever know Buell Wesley Frazer?

A. The name is familiar.

Q He worked at the Book Depository with Lee.

A. He was little boy who took Ruth to work?

Q. Yes, he is the one who let Ruth Paine know of the job vacancy. Frazer is also the one who drove Lee to the Depository on the 22. Did you know Wesley Frazer was arrested on the 22nd? And that a rifle and 10 rounds of ammunition was confiscated from him?

A No.

Q Nobody told you that?

A. No, first time I hear it from you.

Q. Where did they take you to see Lee after the assassination?

A. I took my baby with me in somebody's car and they took me to the Police Station to question me.

Q. Where was Lee in the Police Station?

A. He was behind the window somewhere.

Q. Were you allowed to talk to him by yourself?

A. Other people were around, his mother was with me.

Q. How long did you talk to him?

A. Not long, not an hour, a few minutes, five or ten minutes.

Q. Did Lee have the injury on his eye at this time?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did he have the injury the last time you saw him?

A. No.

Q. Did he say anything about that injury?

A. Yes, I said did they beat you up and he said no, he was fighting.

Q. Did he say who he was fighting?

A. He said police.

Q. How long after the assassination was this?

A. About noon, they take him right away.

Q. Early afternoon?

A. Yes. Ruth Paine told me somebody shot from Book Depository so I was shaken up then when they came pretty soon, not

Q. longer than one hour.

Q Why were you shaken?

A Lee was involved, he had the rifle and I thought he was suspicious.

Q You said something about the FBI?

A. They investigated us, they came to see me just before the assassination, they wanted to speak to me.

Q About what?

A I don't know. I don't remember right now. It was about my attitude, I think.

Q About what?

A. About my political views, I guess. How I was liking the United States ...

Q Was that Agent Hosti?

A Yes.

Q. Marina, what did Lee tell you in the Dallas jail?

A He asked me about the baby, how I feel, and I try not to ask him about what this all happened about the assassination.

Q. Why?

A. I was afraid I would say something wrong since he was under suspicion.

Q. In other words, he was on one side of the cage, which was a glass window, and you were on the other?

A. Yes.

Q Did he ask you to get him a lawyer?

a. Yes.

Q. Did you?

A. I think he talk to someother about this, I don't know where

to go or how to do.

Q. That is the last time you saw Lee alive?

A Yes.

JUROR:

Marina, were you watching television that day, the day Lee got killed?

A. Yes.

Q. I didn't see when first came on.

Q. I mean the day Ruby shot Oswald?

A. No.

Q. You all didn't have a television set?

A. No, I wasn't able to, I was in car with Secret Service, and I don't know if he was already shot, but they prepare step by step, they were driving along and they turned around and they said Lee was shot and they said its not dangerous, but they take him to the hospital and he in serious condition, and then later on when the Chief of Police or somebody came and they told me Lee dead.

MR. GARRISON:

Did the Federal Government or the FBI ever tell you or let you know after that that Jack Ruby unloaded a man with a rifle on the grassy knoll, did they ever tell you that?

A. No.

Q. Are you aware that your husband was questioned for 12 hours and there is not a single line of transcription. Do you know that?

A. No.

Q. Are you aware that he denied shooting the President for 12 hours?

A. What I heard on the news and I heard Lee say I didn't do it.

Q. That's right, he was telling the truth.

Q. Are you aware that he called Ruth Paine twice and asked her to get a lawyer for him?

A Yes, ...

Q. You know what she did afterwards?

A No.

Q. Do you know that she did not call the lawyer.

A No.

JUROR:

Why didn't his mother get a lawyer?

A. She thought Ruth was getting the lawyer.

Q. MR. SCIAMBRA:

Marina, Mrs. Oswald, Oswald's mother, ~~XXXX~~ said the FBI came to see you all the night after the assassination to show you all some pictures, do you remember that?

A. I remember some pictures.

Q. If I am not mistaken I believe she said that the FBI showed her a picture of Jack Ruby before Ruby shot Lee

A. I don't know about that.

Q. She didn't mention that ^{to} you later on?

A. No. I didn't speak to the mother shortly after this happened.

Q You also mentioned that shortly after the assassination Agent Hosti of the FBI came up and talked to you mostly about how you liked the United States and everything. Do you know of any relationship Lee may have had with the FBI?

A. I don't know. But they asked me about Lee and things like this and I told him I don't want you to bother him because it was my opinion and seems like everytime he lost a job the FBI was (inaudible)

Q. Was the FBI constantly in contact with your husband?

A. I don't know about the contact, but seems like they right

after him.

Q. Would you say the FBI was constantly checking on Oswald?

A. I had the impression they did.

Q. Would you have any idea why Mrs. Oswald, Lee's mother, was under the impression that Lee was an agent for the Federal Government?

A. I don't know, they had quite a few arguments between them, but they spoke in English. I asked him what they were talking about and he said she was trying to say he was an agent and he said she was stupid.

Q. Even though she was convinced ...

A. I don't know, I don't think so.

Q. You don't believe Lee was an agent for the Federal Government?

A. I don't know the facts, but it is my opinion, but I don't believe it.

Q. Do you know of any other source of income Lee may have had?

A. No.

MR. GARRISON:

Have you ever been curious about who the person was who was the anonymous donor who gave the \$25,000.00?

A. I don't know about it.

Q. Didn't a lot of money come in and weren't you curious about who it came from?

A. Yes. I had a lot of testimony to do, and I was busy with my children, and my manager put the checks together and put them in the bank.

Q. Well, didn't the manager tell you that the first contribution was \$25,000.00 from an unknown source.?

A. No.

Q. You did not know how much it was?

A. No.

Q You did not know how much it was?

A. No.

Q. You didn't know if it was \$200.00 or \$200,000.00 or \$50.00?

A No.

Q. Well, you had an idea of how much, didn't you?

A. No, I didn't check.

Q Who was your manager?

A. Jim Martin.

Q. Do you still have him as your manager?

A. No. I don't have a manager now.

JUROR:

Where did you find him?

A. I was living Secret Service and my children were in hotel and they said they found some fellow who want me to live at home and he offered to let me live in their home and he offered to be my manager.

Q. The Secret Service found these people for you?

A. They check on him.

MR. ALCOCK:

Wasn't he the manager of the motel. That's how you first met him, the Secret Service took you to the Six Flags Over Texas and then after that is when he offered for you to stay in his home?

A. Yes.

JUROR:

Marina, how were the checks made out, or do you know?

A. Mostly Marina Oswald and children.

Q. No set fund or anything like that?

A. For the fund of the Oswald children.

Q. You had no lawyers?

A. (Inaudible)

Q. How much money was involved in this, how much was actually received?

A. I don't know.

Q. Was it fifty thousand or a hundred thousand dollars?

A. I just know what the newspapers said.

Q. How much did you realize out of it?

A. \$12,500 for services for one and I had another lawyer break contract, Bill McKenzie, \$7500.00.....

Q. Now what was left after all these

A. I bought the house, I paid \$10,500.00 for the house.....

MR. SCIAMBRA:

When Lee was living

A. Now I guess I have \$25,000.00.

Q. When Lee was living at 1046 N. Beckley and you were living at Ruth Paine's, were you aware of any people he knew at the time?

A. No.

Q. Did he ever mention anybody's name that he was going to see or talked to?

A. No.

Q. In other words, you don't know anybody he associated with right before the assassination?

A. No.

Q. He came to see you about every weekend at Ruth Paine's, is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. There is one weekend right before the assassination when he didn't come to see you, November 18. Can you tell where he was on that weekend? Did he offer any explanation where he was or why he didn't see you that weekend the next

A. time you saw him?

I don't remember now.

Q. Well, the next time you saw him after that weekend did you ask him why didn't you come see me this weekend?

A. I guess we had arguments before this.

Q. But he didn't tell you where he was or what he did?

A. No.

Q. Did he call you on the weekend?

A. I do not remember.

Q. Did he tell you why he came home on Thursday night before the assassination?

A. He said he came to make up.

Q. You all had had an argument or something?

A. Yes, I think we had the arguments because of this fictitious name, O H. Lee.

MR. GARRISON:

Q. You remember how much he had or took with him when he went to work the 22nd?

A. No sir, I wasn't there.

Q. Fifteen dollars.

A. I don't know.

Q. Did you see what he took with him?

A. No.

Q. You didn't see him leave the house?

A. He left early and told me not to get up and don't make him coffee and when I get up I find he left his ring, his wedding ring, he left it home.

JUROR:

Q Did the ring have his name in it?

A I don't know but I think I hve this ring somewhere.

Q I wonder why he took it off?

A. (no answer)

Q. How bld is Ruth Paine?

A. Older than me, 5, 6 or 7 years.

Q Do you still see Ruth Paine?

A. No, I like her and appreciate what she did. I was advised by Secret Service not to be connected with her, seems like she was .. not connected .. she was sympathizing with the CIA. She wrote letters over there and they told me for my own reputation, to stay away.

Q. The Secret Service told you this?

A. Yes.

MR. ALCOCK:

What did they say?

A. They didn't say anything personal about her, but they said its better for me to stay away from her for a while, it seemed like she was sympathizing with CIA.

MR. GARRISON:

Couldn't they say she was connected with the Central Intelligence Agency, because that's our conclusion about Ruth Paine.

A. I den't know if she was connected with CIA, but they told me to stay away.

MR. SCIAMBRA:

Did they say sympathize or associated with?

A. I don't remember right now exactly, but the way I understood

Q Did they explain to you why it would be bad for you to associate with her if she was associated with the CIA?

A I had the impression ... the Civil Liberties Union, I don't know

Q. JUROR:

Marina, did the Secret Service say to you, Marina, it is better for you not to see Ruth Paine anymore because its not good for you, she might be saying things to the CIA that might be detrimental to you, Marina?

A. No, because she ... what is CIA?

A. Central Intelligence Agency.

A. Could she be member?

MR. GARRISON:

She probably is employee.

MR. SCIAMBRA:

In other words, they gave you the impression

A. Seems like she had friends over there and it would be bad for me if people find out connection between me and Ruth and CIA.

Q. In other words, you were left with the distinct impression that she was in some way connected with the CIA?

A. Yes.

MR. GARRISON:

Were you surprised to learn that the FBI and the Secret Service were not clear as to just who was with the CIA? Did that occur to you as rather odd?

A I was not questioning them so much.

Q. In Russia ~~doesn't~~ generally, if somebody is with the Intelligence Agency doesn't the rest of the government know about it?

A. I guess so.

Q. Did the FBI indicate any curiosity about Ruth Paine?

A. Yes.

Q. In the same way?

A. I don't know which way because I wasn't there, but they questioned her a lot.

Q. How about Michael Paine?

A. Him too.

Q. He worked for Bell Helicopter.

A. He used to work then I heard he lose his job. I hope not.

Q. No, he didn't lose it.

MR. SCIAMBRA:

Marina, did the FBI ever indicate to you that they thought Lee might be a CIA member?

A. They ask me this question the Warren Commission and I said no, but it never cross my mind.

Q. What about Agent Hosti, did he ever talk to you about any organizations your husband may have been connected with?

A. He ask me if he belonged to some organizations and I said no.

Q. Did Hosti ask you if Lee belonged to the CIA?

A. I don't remember. He talked to Ruth about Lee too.

Q. Was this the first time you ever heard of the CIA after the assassination?

A. Yes.

Q. Did your husband mention the CIA?

A. No.

Q. What about Margarita Oswald, did she mention the CIA?

A. Oh, they were talking to Lee before about organizations,

what I understood afterwards when she had interviewed newspaper reporters, I did not see her for this long time I was not friendly with her.

JUROR:

Marina, do you recall one time, the day of the Bay of Pigs, do you know what we are talking about? The invasion of Cuba. Weren't you living here then?

A. MR. GARRISON:

No, they were in Russia in 1961. Thornley was here by then, but Lee was still in Russia.

MR. ALCOCK:

How did you happen to get Hostis' license number?

A. He came to question me the second time and I told ^{Lee} ~~him~~ about the visit the first time and he told me to write the license number when he came back.

Q. He told you to write his license down?

A. Yes.

Q. For what reason?

A. I don't know, he want to check the name. And by the way, Lee told me if they follow me I would know it the FBI car would have the number.

Q. You think he might have been expecting other people to follow you?

A. I don't know. He felt like he was always under constant surveillance.

Q. He felt that way that people were watching him all the time?

A. Yes.

Q. Was Lee nervous at home? Did he move around a lot and couldn't eat? Was he calm at home?

A. He was mean. He complained about his stomach. Everything come outside rather than inside. When he gets mad ...

Q. Did he have ulcers?

A. He might have, I don't know.

Q I mean did he ever complain about his stomach?

A Yes, but I don't know if he had ulcers.

Q Did you have to watch what you fed him, did you have to watch his diet?

A. What his diet? We could not afford to diet, we had to eat what we could afford.

MR. SCIAMBRA:

Marina, do you believe your husband killed the President?

A. As much facts as I know, I do.

Q. Do you think he was capable of ^{doing} ~~doing~~ what he was supposed to have done?

A. Yes sir.

Q Do you think he was that good a shot?

A I don't know.

Q Did you ever see him practice?

A. I see him clean rifle, I have never seen him shooting.

Q I mean actually shooting the rifle?

A. I never see him shoot rifle.

Q Do you believe that your husband did what the Warren Report says he did because they told you this, or did you come to this conclusion on your own thinking?

A. Er ...

Q In other words, if you did not talk to the FBI or people would not have told you anything, would you believe your husband had the capability to do this type of thing?

A. Yes sir. My intuition about Col. Walker and ~~his~~ he to be crazy about rifles ...

MR. GARRISON:

In other words, you think Lee was in effect a communist?

A. No,

Q Well that is the Federal Government's conclusion that he was a Marxist.

A No, he like Marx, but I never thought him a communist.

Q. What do you think his reason was?

A. First of all, he was too much disappointed in communism, as much as he know about it he didn't like it

so

Q That's our understanding too ~~xxxxx~~ why do you think he would shoot the President? Why do you think he would do that?

A. I am not one who can make opinion, he is capable to shoot the President, I did not see him shoot him with my own eyes.

Q. MR. SCIAMBRA:

Does it bother you that people who were friends of your husband and knew him quite well are all of the opinion that he was not capable of doing such a thing?

A. They don't know much about Lee. He could have violent temper, he could be mean. He kept everything kind of secret.

Q. Hasn't it occurred to you as odd that he couldn't hit Gen. Walker when he was only a few feet away and he accomplished this miracle of shooting?

A I don't know where he was, the fact is that he had a picture of Gen. Walker's house.

JUROR:

Did he ever talk about Gen. Walker before?

A. (Inaudible)

Q. Did he ever talk about Kennedy before?

A. He never said anything about Kennedy at all.

Q He never mentioned his name?

A. No, I always liked President Kennedy.

Q. Wouldn't you wonder why he would want to shoot him?

A. I have no idea. He never mentioned anything.

Q Do you think he was capable of planning, plotting this whole thing by himself?

A. I think so.

Q. You think he was that intelligent?

A. I would think so.

Q. Do you think he was intelligent?

A He did not have college education but he wasn't stupid. Whatever he read he learned from it, I think he was confused.

Q. He was only smart in what he read then?

A I don't know .. if somebody involved, my belief is that if Lee was alone and he did something I don't think he would be involved in any conspiracy with anybody, in my opinion.

MR. GARRISON:

Did the Federal Government ever let you know that the President was killed by shots from the front?

A No.

MR. ALCOCK:

Marina, I have a copy of a press release in Dallas and it says shortly after we subpoenaed you a United States attorney and an attorney from the Department of Justice visited you, is that correct? Did they visit you?

A. No.

Q. They did not?

A. No. Nobody ever visited me after the subpoena.

Q. You did not give a statement to anybody?

a No. I had this lawsuit. The Government offered me compensation, it's a lawsuit, about them to return Lee's personal belongings or compensation. I gave this kind of dissertation.

Q When was that?

A. A week ago.

Q. In other words, after you got our subpoena?

A. Yes. But it didn't have anything to do with your subpoena at all.

Q. They didn't question you whatsoever at all about the investigation?

A. No.

Q Or about your appearance down here?

A No.

Q. This was the United States attorney and a man from the Justice Department, as you can recall?

A. I went to the court, they sent me subpoena, I went to the court in Dallas, Judge Mead, who gave me the check and the papers I have to have, and that's all.

Q. No, no, I mean the men who took the deposition on the lawsuit. Did they take it at your house?

A. No, I went to the court.

Q. They did not ask you any questions about this investigation?

A. No.

Q. Now let me impress something upon you, when you leave here you can't tell anything about what you have heard in here or what questions were propounded to you, or any pictures shown to you or names mentioned to you, do you understand?

A. I understand already.

Q. I think you told me down in the office that you did not want to talk to the press, is that right?

A. Yes, I have nothing to say.

Q. Well, we will call down the street to your motel and your husband can bring the car up here, you wait here for a few minutes. Then we will take you down and straight to your car.

A. Mr. Garrison, I am not trying to escape from your questions if I don't remember an answer. I am honest and truthful.

We are not mad at you, Marina.

JUROR:

Marina, we appreciate your coming down here. We really do.

A. I hope somebody proves something.

MR. GARRISON:

Marina, has it ever occurred to you that he might have been set up and people told you a number of things, repeatedly.

A. Many things, different stories from different people.

Q. Now, that I am talking to you, don't you think it odd that all of these guns that he is supposed to have fired, have no fingerprints on them at all.

A. Many questions that you brought up, and after Warren Commission Report is published, I make up my mind

Q. Did they ever let you know that when he took the nitrate test to see if he had fired a rifle, that he was exonerated?

A. I don't know about it.

Q. That's what I am saying, nobody told you. So all you know is what you have heard from the Federal people and from the Warren Commission.

JUROR:

Do you wonder why he changed so when he returned to the United States?

A. It wasn't his way to live, and the cold climate, seemed like he was disappointed.

Q. Would you like to go back to Russia?

A. No.

Q. You'd ~~we~~ rather stay over here?

A. I miss my relatives, I want to visit them, but it wasn't the reason I married Lee.

MR. GARRISON:

Isn't it possible to go visit them?

A. NO, I am afraid, if I left the kids here I may never come back life here is much better than in Russia. What they would do with me there I do not know. My children would have better chance here than in Russia. Tell her not to write this down (to stenographer).

Q. How old are your little girls now?

A. My girl is 6 years old and a boy.

Q. The girl is in the first grade now?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you teach them Russian?

A. Oh, June understand, she spoke Russian when she first start to talk and then everybody around speak English and she didn't want to speak Russian. It very complicated. I talk to my sister on the farm and I speak in Russian, then I go back to English and she say what did you say?

Q. Was Lee's Russian pretty good?

A. Oh, he can write, but I can write English.

Q. Was it any type of Russian like Ukranian?

A. No.

JUROR:

Did Lee ever tell you about his life in the Marine Corps?

A No.

MR. SCIAMBRA:

The person you saw as you were entering the Grand Jury Room and he was leaving, was he familiar to you at all?

A. No.

Q. You don't believe you have ever seen him before?

A. No.

JUROR:

You never got an itemized slip of the persons who gave you money?

A. No. I never was too much of a financial person, I trusted him.

MR. GARRISON:

Marina, if I told you that the first check was for \$25,000.00 and was anonymous, where would be your guess as to where it came from?

A. Church?

JUROR:

Which church?

A. Oh, church , any church.

Q. Thank you very much. Good luck to you and your children.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the testimony given, under oath, before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on February 8, 1968, and reduced to typewriting by me.

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